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Chairman Comer H. "Randy" Randall The Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Johnson Development Associates, Incorporated's Comments on the Final Report Issued by the Commission's Consultant, Power Advisory, LLC pursuant to Order No. 2019-107-H.

Dear Chairman Randall:

On September 19, 2019, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") issued Hearing Examiner Directive Order No. 2019-107-H in Docket Nos. 2019-185-E and 2019-186-E which, among other action, grants parties the opportunity to comment on the Final Report ("Report") issued by the Commission's consultant, Power Advisory, LLC ("Power Advisory" or "expert") before 12:00 p.m. on November 8, 2019.

Johnson Development Associates, Incorporated ("JDA") has reviewed the Report and does not intend to file comments on the report at this time. Where, if at all, we disagree with any conclusions or analysis contained in the report we will address those differences through our proposed orders. JDA does believe that the report was thorough, well-reasoned, and completed in compliance with the intent of the Energy Freedom Act.

JDA first wishes to thank the Commission for the actions it took in implementing the open, transparent process of ultimately selecting Power Advisory as the Commission's independent expert. Posting the qualifications of the applicants, live streaming the interview process, and allowing parties to the proceeding to provide questions instilled a high level confidence in the selection process. JDA believes the Commission used this expert as the tool that Act No. 62 of 2019 envisioned it become. JDA wishes to express its appreciation to the work of Power Advisory. The expert brought confidence to the parties to the proceedings through the transparency, expertise, and impartiality of the expert as evidenced by the Report. JDA also wishes to thank the Commission staff for working with the expert throughout the proceedings. Finally, JDA wishes to

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express its gratitude to the General Assembly for its collective devotion of resources to this Commission, to Representative Mike Forrester for championing the inclusion of the statutory provision requiring the expert's retention, and to the 156 members of the General Assembly who voted to enact Act 62 which codified this resource.

JDA appreciates this invitation to provide comments on the Report.

Very truly yours,

s/ James H. Goldin James H. Goldin

JHG:jc Enclosure

Cc: All Parties of Record (via E-mail and Electronic Filing)

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